

(b) The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(c) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September 1, 1995.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on May 8, 1995: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 24, 1995, by a non-record vote.

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CHAPTER 545

S.B. No. 1670

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of certain amateur boxing events.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 1 through 11, Texas Boxing and Wrestling Act (Article 8501-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are designated as Article 1 and a heading for that article is added to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 2. Section 3, Texas Boxing and Wrestling Act (Article 8501-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subdivisions (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), and (16) to read as follows:

(11) "Elimination tournament boxing promoter" means a person licensed by the department who arranges, advertises, or conducts an elimination tournament.

(12) "Elimination tournament" means a boxing contest in which elimination tournament contestants compete in a series of matches until only one contestant remains in each weight category.

(13) "Elimination tournament contestant" means a person who competes in an elimination tournament.

(14) "Championship tournament" means an international, state, regional, or national elimination tournament that allows the winners of another elimination tournament to compete for a championship in each weight category.

(15) "Regional tournament" means an elimination tournament that allows an elimination tournament contestant from outside the immediate area where the tournament is held to compete against local tournament contestants.

(16) "Local tournament" means an elimination tournament that allows only a resident of this state to compete.

SECTION 3. Section 6A, Texas Boxing and Wrestling Act (Article 8501-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6A. BOXING GLOVES. *Except as provided by Article 2 of this Act, in [In] any boxing contest, match, or exhibition conducted in this state, the contestants shall wear eight-*

ounce boxing gloves, unless the commissioner by rule requires or permits the contestants to wear heavier gloves.

SECTION 4. Section 7, Texas Boxing and Wrestling Act (Article 8501-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. AMATEUR ATHLETIC EVENTS. (a) The promoting, conducting, or maintaining of boxing matches, contests, or exhibitions when conducted by educational institutions, *law enforcement organizations*, Texas National Guard Units, or amateur athletic organizations duly recognized by the commissioner shall be exempt from the licensing and bonding provisions of this Act provided that none of the participants in such contests or exhibitions receive a money remuneration, purse, or prize for their performance or services therein.

(b) None of the licensing and bonding provisions of this Act shall apply to or be enforced against:

(1) all nonprofit amateur athletic associations chartered under the laws of the State of Texas, including their affiliated membership clubs throughout the state which have been recognized by the commissioner;

(2) any contests, matches, or exhibitions between students of educational institutions which are conducted by a college, school, or university as part of the institution's athletic program;

(3) contests, matches, or exhibitions between members of any troop, battery, company, or units of the Texas National Guard *or a law enforcement organization*.

(c) When an admission fee is charged by any person conducting or sponsoring an amateur boxing contest, match, or exhibition, except those amateur events exempted in Section 7(b) herein, the gross receipts tax hereinafter provided in Section 11 of this Act shall apply and must be paid by the sponsoring person. In addition, amateur boxing contests, *except for elimination tournaments subject to Article 2 of this Act*, wherein an admission fee is charged shall be conducted under the following conditions:

(1) The commissioner must approve the contest, match, or exhibition at least seven days in advance of the event.

(2) All entries shall be filed with the amateur organization at least three days in advance of the event.

(3) The amateur organization shall determine the amateur standing of all contestants.

(4) The amateur contest, match, or exhibition shall be subject to the supervision of the commissioner, and all profits derived from such contests shall be used in the development of amateur athletics.

(5) Only referees and judges licensed by the commissioner may participate in amateur contests, matches, or exhibitions.

(6) All contestants shall be examined by a licensed physician within a reasonable time prior to the event, and a licensed physician shall be in attendance at the ringside during the entire event.

(7) All professional boxers licensed under this Act are prohibited from participating in any capacity during an amateur contest, match, or exhibition.

SECTION 5. Section 8, Texas Boxing and Wrestling Act (Article 8501-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsection (a) and by adding Subsections (g), (h), and (i) to read as follows:

(a) A person may not act as a boxing promoter *or an elimination tournament boxing promoter* until the person has been licensed by the department under this Act. A person may not act as a wrestling promoter until the person has registered with the secretary of state.

(g) *The application for an elimination tournament boxing promoter's license shall be made on a form furnished by the commissioner and, except as provided in Subsection (h) of this section, shall be accompanied by:*

(1) *an application fee not to exceed \$1,000;*

(2) a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000 subject to approval by the commissioner and conditioned on the payment of:

(A) the tax imposed under Section 11 of this Act; and

(B) any claim described by Subsection (e) of this section and made against the elimination tournament boxing promoter; and

(3) proof of accidental death or injury insurance coverage in the amount of at least \$10,000 for each elimination tournament contestant.

(h) The bonding and insurance requirements of Subsection (g) of this section apply only to an elimination tournament boxing promoter promoting an elimination tournament that:

(1) charges an admission fee; or

(2) awards a prize of money, trophy, prize, or any other item with a value of more than \$50 to a contestant winning an elimination tournament.

(i) The annual fee for an elimination tournament boxing promoter license shall not exceed \$1,000.

SECTION 6. Section 11, Texas Boxing and Wrestling Act (Article 8501-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsection (a) and by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Any person who conducts a boxing match, contest, or exhibition, *including an elimination tournament*, wherein an admission fee is charged shall furnish to the department within 72 hours after the termination of the event a duly verified report on a form furnished by the department showing the number of tickets sold, prices charged, and amount of gross receipts obtained from the event. A cashier's check or money order made payable to the State of Texas in the amount of three percent of the total gross receipts of the event shall be attached to the verified report.

(d) *The department may audit a report filed under Subsection (a) of this section made by a person conducting an elimination tournament under this section.*

SECTION 7. The Texas Boxing and Wrestling Act (Article 8501-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) is amended by adding Article 2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. ELIMINATION TOURNAMENTS

Sec. 15. GENERAL PROVISIONS. (a) *An elimination tournament may only be held as a one-night or two-night event.*

(b) *Except as provided by Subsection (c) of this section, an elimination tournament contestant may not participate in more than one match during the first night of a two-night elimination tournament.*

(c) *An elimination tournament contestant in a championship tournament may not participate in more than two matches during the first night of a two-night championship tournament.*

(d) *Subject to the medical restrictions of Section 17 of this Act, an elimination tournament contestant may fight any number of matches on the second night of a two-night elimination tournament.*

(e) *Except as provided by Subsection (f) of this section, the elimination tournament boxing promoter may allow an elimination tournament contestant who failed to win a match during the first night of a two-night elimination tournament to compete during the second night.*

(f) *An elimination tournament contestant who is knocked out during an elimination tournament may not continue to compete in an elimination tournament.*

(g) *The standing-eight-count and the three-knock-down rules apply to an elimination tournament.*

(h) *A match in an elimination tournament consists of three rounds with each round lasting 60 seconds. There must be a minimum interval of 60 seconds between each round of a match.*

(i) *Each elimination tournament contestant must be matched randomly with an opponent from the same weight category during the preliminary round of an elimination tournament.*

Sec. 16. ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT BOXING PROMOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. (a) *In addition to any other responsibilities, an elimination tournament boxing promoter shall require that each elimination tournament contestant:*

(1) *use 16-ounce gloves;*

(2) *wear the following protective gear supplied by the elimination tournament boxing promoter:*

(A) *headgear approved by the department, except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section;*

(B) *a mouthpiece; and*

(C) *a groin guard or kidney-groin guard approved by the department;*

(3) *have no professional boxing experience;*

(4) *have, in the last five years, five or fewer boxing match wins recognized by an amateur boxing organization recognized under department rules for this specific purpose;*

(5) *submit proof of proper training, including a written description of the elimination tournament contestant's training program for the 28 days before the date of the beginning of the first bout of the elimination tournament; and*

(6) *be a person who is 18 years of age or older but younger than 36 years of age.*

(b) *A local, regional, or championship elimination tournament is not subject to Subsection (a)(2)(A) of this section if an elimination tournament boxing promoter notifies, under the rules of the department, the commissioner of the decision not to use approved headgear.*

(c) *An elimination tournament boxing promoter shall provide a ringside physician for an elimination tournament.*

Sec. 17. ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT RINGSIDE PHYSICIAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES. *The ringside physician at an elimination tournament shall:*

(1) *perform, at the location of the tournament, a complete medical examination of each elimination tournament contestant before the tournament begins;*

(2) *offer solutions to the elimination tournament boxing promoter and each elimination tournament contestant regarding boxing-related medical problems;*

(3) *remain at ringside at all times during a scheduled match of an elimination tournament;*

(4) *examine each elimination tournament contestant between each bout;*

(5) *perform a complete physical examination of each elimination tournament contestant remaining in an elimination tournament immediately before the second night of a two-night elimination tournament; and*

(6) *notify the elimination tournament boxing promoter immediately after disqualifying an elimination tournament contestant.*

Sec. 18. PROOF OF NEGATIVE PREGNANCY TEST REQUIRED. *A female elimination tournament contestant may not participate in an elimination tournament unless she provides the ringside physician with proof of a negative result pregnancy test.*

Sec. 19. WEIGHT CATEGORIES. (a) *An elimination tournament contestant may not compete in a weight category other than a category provided in this section.*

(b) *The weight categories for an elimination tournament are:*

(1) *less than 112 pounds;*

(2) *112 pounds or more but less than 119 pounds;*

(3) *119 pounds or more but less than 127 pounds;*

(4) *127 pounds or more but less than 136 pounds;*

(5) *136 pounds or more but less than 148 pounds;*

(6) *148 pounds or more but less than 161 pounds;*

- (7) 161 pounds or more but less than 176 pounds;
- (8) 176 pounds or more but less than 190 pounds; and
- (9) 190 pounds or more.

(c) An elimination tournament contestant whose weight is within three percent of the minimum weight of the next heavier weight category may compete in that heavier weight category.

Sec. 20. **RING REQUIREMENTS.** (a) Competition in an elimination tournament shall take place in a square ring with sides not less than 16 feet in length and not more than 24 feet in length.

(b) The floor of the ring must be 3/4-inch thick and must be padded with one-inch thick closed-cell foam material.

SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 1995.

SECTION 9. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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CHAPTER 546

S.B. No. 1701

AN ACT

relating to the designation of State Highway 190 in Dallas, Collin, and Denton counties as the President George Bush Highway.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. State Highway 190 in Dallas, Collin, and Denton counties, including those portions under construction or design, is designated as the President George Bush Highway. The designation is in addition to any other designation.

SECTION 2. (a) The Texas Department of Transportation or, if the Texas Turnpike Authority assumes jurisdiction over the highway, the authority shall design and construct markers to be placed along State Highway 190 indicating its designation as the President George Bush Highway.

(b) The markers shall include the highway number and any other information that the department or authority determines is appropriate.

(c) Markers shall be erected at each end of the highway and at intermediate sites that the department or authority determines are appropriate.

(d) The department or authority is responsible for repair and replacement of the markers and for maintenance of the grounds surrounding each marker.

(e) The department or authority may accept grants and donations from individuals and other entities to assist in financing the construction and maintenance of the markers.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on May 12, 1995: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 24, 1995, by a non-record vote.